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E.O. 12355: N/A SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER'S FRE-DEPARTURE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE OF APRIL 15, 1991

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I. ON APRIL 15 FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER GAVE AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS THREE DAY VISIT TO CHINA. AMERICAN MEDIA PRESENT INCLUDED ABC. AP. CNN. KNIGHT-RIDDER, THE NEW YORK

TIMES. TIME, UPI. VOA. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. AND THE WASHINGTON POST. THIRD COUNTRY MEDIA INCLUDED BBC, REUTERS. RADIO AUSTRALII, 4FP. AND MYODO.

2. DURING THE THIRTY-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE. FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSSED HIS VISIT TO DEDICATE A PROSTHESIS FACTORY AND HIS MEETINGS WITH CHINESE LEADERS." THE THEMES HE STRUCK WERE THE SAME AS THE ONES HE RAISED IN HIS APRIL 14 SPEECH AT THE FCREIGN AFFAIRS COLLEGE (TEXT TRANSMITTED AS DELIVERED IN REVIEL). THESE THEMES INCLUDED, I.A. A PROPOSAL FOR AN AMMESTY FOR NON-VIOLENT PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT OF 1989. A NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN RESTORING POSITIVE SINO-U.S. TIES. AND A SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. SINCE THEY WERE THE FRUIT OF HIS INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH EXCHANGES WITH CHINA.

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